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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

(G.O. Ms. No. 13, dated 18th August 2015)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the scheme for providing Financial Assistance for the Purchase of Laptop or Desktop Computer to Media Persons of the Union territory of Puducherry-2014 was notified *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 1, dated 12-1-2015 of General Administration (Information and Publicity) Department, Puducherry and the same is yet to be implemented;

2. And whereas, it has been proposed to amend the scheme with necessary amendments in the earlier order notified *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 1, dated 12-1-2015 in order to facilitate the Media Persons to choose Smart Phones, which are widely used by the Media Persons now-a-days;

3. Now, therefore, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to notify the amendment to the scheme for providing Financial Assistance for the purchase of Laptop or Desktop Computer to Media Persons of the Union territory of Puducherry as appended below to this notification:—

Short title.— This scheme may be called “Scheme for providing Financial Assistance for the purchase of Laptop or Desktop Computer or Smart Phone to the Media persons of the Union territory of Puducherry (Amendment) 2015.”

Substitution of the words “Laptop or Desktop Computer”.— In the scheme for providing Financial Assistance for the Purchase of Laptop or Desktop Computer to Media Persons of the Union territory of Puducherry-2014, for the words “Laptop or Desktop Computer” wherever they occur, the words “Laptop or Desktop Computer or Smart Phone” shall be substituted.

Addendum in clause 3.— In clause 3 of the said scheme, a new sub-clause (h) shall be added, namely:—

(h) “Smart Phone” means a brand new Cell Phone, i-Phone, Tablet, iPad with all necessary accessories, excluding sim card.

Proviso to clause 5.— In clause 5, the following proviso shall be included, namely:—

“Provided that in respect of “Smart Phone” the claim shall be restricted to one-third of the cost of the device or ₹ 15,000 whichever is lower.”

4. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their I.D. No. 359/F3/ED/2015, dated 20-7-2015.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

N. UDAYAKUMAR,
Under Secretary to Government
(Information and Publicity).

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

(G.O. Ms. No. 14, dated 18th August 2015)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the coverage of the families of the Media Persons of Union territory of Puducherry under medical insurance scheme for about ₹ 3 lakhs to each family in this Union Territory, keeping in view the special nature of the service rendered by the Media Persons to the society in creating a sense of socio-political awareness among the people has been engaging the attention of the Government for quite sometime;

2. And whereas, it has been proposed to lay down the procedure for the grant of such medical insurance by way of a scheme.

3. Now, therefore, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to notify a scheme for the “Grant of medical insurance to the family of the Media Persons of this Union territory of Puducherry” as appended to this notification.

4. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their I.D. No. 289/F3/FD/2015, dated 13-7-2015

N. UDAYAKUMAR,
Under Secretary to Government
(Information and Publicity).

**SCHEME FOR GRANT OF MEDICAL INSURANCE TO
THE FAMILIES OF THE MEDIA PERSONS OF
THE UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY-2015**

Short title, extent and commencement.— (i) This scheme may be called the “Scheme for Grant of Medical Insurance to the families of the Media Persons of the Union territory of Puducherry-2015.”

(ii) It shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(iii) It shall come into force on and from the date of its publication in the official gazette.

2. *Object.*—The object of the scheme is to grant Medical Insurance to each of the families of the Media Persons of Union Territory, keeping in view the special nature of the service rendered by the Media Persons to the society in creating a sense of socio-political awareness among the people.

3. *Definitions.*— In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Committee” means the committee constituted under clause 7 of this scheme;

(b) “Family” in respect of the Media Person shall for the purpose of the scheme means his/her spouse and two children wholly dependent on him/her which term shall mean and include the following persons, namely:—

(a) “Spouse” means the first wife/husband who is legally wedded to the Media Person;

(b) “Children” mean and includes legitimate/illegitimate or adopted and unmarried and a minor or a daughter married and a minor and abandoned by the spouse or a daughter widowed and a minor.

(c) “Form” means the form appended to this scheme;

(d) “Government” means the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed by the President under Article 239 of the Constitution;

(e) “Insurance Company” means an insurance company authorized by the Government of Puducherry in this behalf to grant medical insurance to the Media Persons and their families.

(f) “Media Person” means a Media Person of the Union territory of Puducherry who has got “Accreditation Identity Card’ under Pondicherry Press Representatives Accreditation Rules, 1984 or ‘Press Identification Card’ under Puducherry Media Representatives Identity Card Rules, 2013 from the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry;

(g) “Medical Insurance” means annual premium paid to the insurance company on behalf of Media Persons of this Union Territory under this scheme;

(h) “Newspapers/Periodicals” means any newspaper/periodical duly registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India, Government of India, New Delhi.

4. *Eligibility conditions.*—The following shall be the criteria for becoming eligible for medical insurance under this scheme:

(1) The beneficiary shall be a citizen of India and resident of the Union territory of Puducherry by birth or by continuous residence for a period of not less than 10 years;

(2) The beneficiary must have put in not less than 10 (ten) years of service as full-time Editor/Reporter/Sub-Editor/Press Photographer/Correspondent of a newspaper/periodical/news agency including newspapers and periodicals published in the Union territory of Puducherry and news agencies having headquarters outside the Union Territory.

(3) The beneficiary must have Press Accreditation/Identity Card from the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry under "Puducherry Press Representatives Accreditation Rules" issued *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 13/84-P & AR (IPT), dated 30-10-1984 or Press Identity Card under Puducherry Media Representative Identity Card Rules, 2013 issued by the Directorate of Information and Publicity *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 3, dated 28-6-2013.

5. *Quantum of premium.*— The quantum of premium per annum ranges from ₹ 4,500 to ₹ 13,500 depending upon age of the applicants (*See Annexure-I*) or as may be fixed by the Government from time to time against the family health insurance claim up to ₹ 3.00 lakhs in any one of the Registered Health Insurance Company in India. The premium payable by the Government will be worked out by the Directorate of Information and Publicity on the basis of the applications received from Media Persons.

6. *Making of application.*— The application for grant of medical insurance under this scheme shall be submitted to the Director of Information and Publicity, Puducherry in Form-I accompanied by the following certificates, namely:-

(a) Nationality/Nativity/Residence certificate obtained from an officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar;

(b) Birth Certificate or Transfer Certificate/School Leaving Certificate for proof of the age;

(c) Service Certificate showing the designation, period of service and the place of work from the employer in Form-II.

(d) Copy of the Accreditation/Identity Card issued by the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry.

7. *Sanction of medical insurance.*— (1) All the applications received from the Media Persons under this scheme shall be placed before the selection committee comprising of the following officials, along with a certificate of verification of the Assistant Director of Information and Publicity in Form-III.

- (i) Secretary to Government (Information and Publicity) . . . Chairperson
- (ii) Under Secretary/Deputy Secretary to Government (Finance) . . . Member
- (iii) District Collector/Regional Administrator of the region concerned (for applicants from outlying regions only) . . . Member
- (iii) Director of Information and Publicity . . . Member-Secretary.

(2) The committee after satisfying itself of the genuineness of the application may approve the grant of medical insurance, after which the Director of Information and Publicity shall issue a sanction order in Form-IV appended to this scheme.

(3) The committee may reject any application for reasons to be recorded in writing.

(4) The Director shall maintain a Register of Sanction in Form-V.

8. *Mode of payment.*— Stipulated premium shall be paid by the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry, every year and for every policy of the medical insurance to each family of the Media Persons as prescribed by the insurance company.

9. *Record of payment of premium.*— Records of all the payments of premium shall be maintained by the Department of Information and Publicity in the Register in Form-VI.

10. *Stoppage of premium.*— (1) (a) The Director of Information and Publicity shall have the right to stop payment of premium if at any stage it is found that it was sanctioned on mistaken grounds or false information or the conditions on which the medical insurance was granted no longer exist.

(b) Before resorting to stoppage of the premium to medical insurance under sub-clause (1)(a) above, the insured shall be given an opportunity of being heard in person or represented in writing.

(2) In case the medical insurance is sanctioned on the basis of wrong information given by the applicant, the amount already paid would be recovered.

(3) If the family of the beneficiary leaves the Union territory of Puducherry for more than one year without any prior intimation or permanently, the payment of premium shall be stopped.

(4) The Director of Information and Publicity may however review the case, if he is satisfied that the beneficiary has returned to the Union territory of Puducherry and continues to reside here.

11. *Appeal.*— Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Director may appeal to the Secretary to Government in-charge of Information and Publicity whose decision shall be final.

12. *Powers and duties of the Director of Information and Publicity.*—The Director shall be in-charge of implementing the scheme.

13. *Budget provision.*— The expenditure towards the implementation of this scheme shall be debitable to the budget of the Information and Publicity Department under the Head of Account of "2220-Information and Publicity-60/800 - Other expenditure-60/800(02)- Welfare programme for Media Persons-60/800 (02) (01) - Puducherry region-(50) - Other Charges (Plan)."

14. *Interpretation and clarification.*— In the implementation of the scheme, if any doubt arises with regard to interpretation of any of the provisions of the scheme or if any point requires clarification, the matter shall be referred to the Secretary to Government (Information and Publicity) and the decision of the Government thereon shall be final.

ANNEXURE-I

[See clause 5]

Approximate premium amount payable to the Health Insurance Company by the Directorate of Information and Publicity for the different age brackets/plan.

Plan	Age in years	Premium per annum* (in ₹)	Sum insured (in ₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
2 Adults	16 days - 35 years	4,510	3 lakhs
	36 years - 45 years	5,600	
	46 years - 50 years	8,530	
	51 years - 55 years	10,660	
2 Adults + 1 Child	16 days - 35 years	5,580	3 lakhs
	36 years - 45 years	6,500	
	46 years - 50 years	9,180	
	51 years - 55 years	11,475	
2 Adults + 2 Children	16 days - 35 years	7,115	3 lakhs
	36 years - 45 years	7,700	
	46 years - 50 years	10,635	
	51 years - 55 years	13,290	

* The premium amount payable by the Department may vary from time to time as fixed by the Government, against the Family Health Insurance claim up to ₹ 3.00 lakhs in any one of the Registered Health Insurance Company in India.

FORM-1

[See clause 6]

APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF MEDICAL
INSURANCE TO MEDIA PERSONSPassport size
Photograph
of applicant

1. Name of the applicant and designation :
2. Date of birth and age of the applicant :
(with a proof of date of birth).
3. Nationality :
4. Whether the applicant is the native :
of Union territory of Puducherry by
birth or by continuous residence (Native/
Residence Certificate must be attached)
5. Address
Present :
Permanent :
6. Period of residence in the present :
address.
7. Father's name :
8. Mother's name :
9. Name of the spouse :
10. Number and name of the children :
11. Aadhaar Card No. of the family members
(Copies of Aadhaar Card to be attached)
 - (a) Applicant :
 - (b) Spouse :
 - (c) Children—
 - (i) :
 - (ii) :

12. Name of the newspaper/journals/agency :
in which the applicant has worked
13. Periodicity
14. Length of service in the field :
(Certificate issued by the newspaper/
journal/agency authority to be attached
in original.)
15. Whether the applicant served as a
full-time employee.
16. Whether the applicant is an accredited :
Media Person? (If yes, please furnish the
details.)

DECLARATION

I,son /daughter/
widow of..... hereby solemnly affirm
and declare that the particulars furnished above are true to the best of
my knowledge and belief and I have not suppressed any material fact
that will disentitle me for the grant of medical insurance.

I further declare that I have not opted for/availed of any other
Family Health Insurance Scheme operated by Government of Puducherry
or Government of India.

Signature of the applicant.

Place :

Date :

FORM-II

[See clause 6(c)]

SERVICE CERTIFICATE

(To be issued by the employer)

Certified that Thiru/Tmt./Selvi.....
son/wife/daughter of.....has
worked continuously for the period ofyears from.....
to as full-time Editor/Sub-Editor/Reporter/Correspondent
of the newspaper/journal/news agency viz.....
registered with the Registrar of Newspaper for India, Ministry of
Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, New Delhi *vide*
No.....

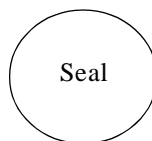
Signature :

Name :

Designation :

Place :

Date :



FORM-III

[See clause 7(1)]

VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE

*(To be verified and certified by the Assistant Director
of Information and Publicity)*

Certified that the application of Thiru/Tmt/Selvi.....
son/wife/daughter of.....for
granting medical insurance to the family of the Media Persons of the
Union territory of Puducherry has been scrutinized and that the
particulars furnished by the applicant therein are found to be correct.

Signature :

Name :

Designation :

Place :

Date :

FORM-IV

[See clause 7(2)]

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

No. /DIP/AD(Press)/PRA/20 - 20.

Dated:

ORDER

Sub:. DIP-Scheme for the grant of Medical Insurance to the
Family of the Accredited Media Persons of the
Union territory of Puducherry 2015-Sanction conveyed - Reg.

Ref: His/Her application No.dated

In pursuance of clause 7(2) of the scheme for grant of Medical Insurance to the Family of the Media Persons of the Union territory of Puducherry-2015, sanction of the selection committee is hereby conveyed for providing medical insurance to the family of the Media Person Thiru/Tmt./Selvi..... working as;(Designation) in
(Name of the media)

Director of Information and Publicity.

To

Thiru/Tmt/Selvi.:.....

.....

.....

FORM-V

[See clause 7(4)]

REGISTER OF SANCTION

Sl. No.	Policy No.	Name and address of the policy holder	Designation and name of the Media Person	Sanction No. and date	Dated initial of in-charge
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

FORM-VI

(See clause 9)

REGISTER OF MEDICAL INSURANCE TO THE MEDIA PERSONS

Name and address of the Media Person :

Medical Insurance Policy No. :

Sanction No. and date :

Sl. No.	Year of policy/ Premium paid	Paid amount	Receipt No. and date	Remarks/Initial of the officer in-charge
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

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